



SATURDAY, MAY 10, 1902.



THE BAR.

(A poet has said of the saloon that it is appropriately called a bar.)

A bar to heaven, a door to hell;
Whoever named it, named it well.
A bar to manliness and wealth,
A door to want and broken health.
A bar to honor, pride and fame,
A door to sin and grief and shame;
A bar to hope, a bar to prayer,
A door to darkness and despair;
A bar to honor, senseless strife;
A bar to all that's true and brave,
A door to every drunkard's grave;
A bar to joy that home imparts,
A door to tears and aching hearts;
A bar to heaven, a door to hell.
Whoever named it, named it well.
—National Advocate.

DRINK WAS HIS UNDOING.

Story of a Criminal Who Might Have Escaped If He Had Let Liquor Alone.

"It was one of the strangest cases that ever came under my notice," said the detective, "and it shows how a little thing can cause a man's undoing. I was in Louisville at the time and was present at the execution of the man, and the word that doomed wretch spoke to the gaping and morbidly curious crowd from the scaffold I have never forgotten and never will forget. Across the river, in Jeffersonville, is the Indiana state penitentiary, and this man — Warner, I believe his name was — was a convict in the penitentiary. He had been in many years, and during all the time of his imprisonment he had, of course, never tasted liquor, which was the primary cause of the striped suit he wore.

"In a quarrel with another convict in the shoe shop, where both were working, Warner stabbed his fellow convict to death with a shoe knife.



WHISKY BROUGHT HIM TO IT.

He was taken from the prison to the county jail, tried for murder, and sentenced to death. Some days before that set for the execution a photographer took some pictures of the murderer, and these the man sold to visitors on the plea that he wanted the money for a decent funeral after the decree of the law should have been carried out. His sales were many, and he had more than \$100 for his funeral. Two days before the time set for the hanging the man broke jail and escaped clear of the town. Of course a hue and cry was raised for him and the police of every town within a radius of 400 miles had a description of the fugitive and all officers were on the lookout for him because of the substantial reward offered by the sheriff. The very night of the escape of the gallows-sentenced man we were sitting around the main police station in Louisville talking about the breakaway.

"A call for the wagon came in, and when the vehicle returned the officers carried a limp and unconscious figure into the station and dumped it to the floor in front of the desk sergeant for registration, and that officer was perfunctorily going through the searching process, when he turned the drink-unconscious man over, and, looking at his face, recognized him as the condemned murderer who had the night before escaped from the jail across the river in Indiana. For years the man had been without the taste of liquor, and when he had the chance to drink it and the money with which to buy it he did drink it, and he was hanged two days later in the Jeffersonville jail. As he stood before the crowd assembled at the scaffold the man, with the hangman's noose in his hand, raised it aloft and raised it in the direction of the upturned faces and said, simply: 'When you raise the glass of liquor look in the bottom and you will see the shadow of this rope.' That was all, and then they hanged him." — N. O. Times-Democrat.

Danger in Alcohol to the Smoker.

According to the Planet, it cannot be doubted that when evil effects ensue from smoking tobacco they are very much intensified by indulgence in alcohol. Pyridine, the chief poisonous constituent of tobacco smoke, is not so easily soluble in water as in alcohol. Pyridine bases can be easily traced in the mouth of an immoderate smoker, and especially the smokers of cigars. An alcoholic drink is, therefore, calculated quickly to wash out this poison-

ous oil and carry it into the stomach, absorption of the poison ensuing, giving rise to definite toxic symptoms, due not so much to alcohol or pyridine bases alone as to the combined action of both in the manner indicated.

THE MAN WHO DRINKS.

As Put by Andrew Carnegie, There Is No Place for Him Anywhere.

No man to-day has the attention of the world more than Andrew Carnegie. People not only wonder at his gifts, they listen when he speaks. He is not infallible, but his words are extremely apt to be weighted with sagacious observations and practical wisdom.

"A drinking man," said Mr. Carnegie, addressing a company of Y. M. C. A. railway men a few days ago, "should have no place in a railway system; indeed, he should have no place anywhere."

One of the compelling reasons why Mr. Carnegie has done and is doing so much to multiply libraries all over the country, is the fact that the free public library, with the reading habit which it creates, can be made so powerful an offset to the ever-cursing saloon.

If Mr. Carnegie owned a railway and was responsible for its management, he would make short work with a drinking engineer, a drinking conductor, with a drinking man up in the switch-tower, or with a drinking man in the seat of the train dispatcher. It would be a criminal carelessness that should tolerate such a person in such a position. Let some terrible disaster happen—as, also, too often such disasters have happened through criminal carelessness, and the public be made aware of the facts, the general demand would be quick and incisive for the enforcement of at least one form of a prohibition law.

The foremost practical statesman in France at the present time is Premier Waldeck-Rousseau. He is a patriot who sees that the worst peril threatening his own country are not foes from without but insidious foes from within. There is no other country in the world where so much intoxicating liquor is drunk per capita as in France. Naturally, this fact is awakening alarm. Said this French statesman in a recent address: "The common use of alcoholic drinks threatens the perpetuity of the race."

If, according to Mr. Carnegie, "a drinking man should have no place in a railway system," where may he go to find his own safe and acceptable place? Surely not in any department of our stupendously vast and exacting industrial system of the present day. The great trusts of the time have, at the best, all they can do "to have and to hold" the necessary confidence of the public to keep them from tumbling into confusion any unlucky moment. When Charles Schwab, the other day at Monte Carlo, made a spectacle of himself before the world as a gambler, it was nowhere taken as a good omen. Let it be generally known that any of these men placed at the head of similar enormous financial or industrial combinations, have become drinking men, with unwholesome brains liable at any time to be set on fire with some loosened impulse or caprice, such carelessness could not fail to be criminal.

In the January fortnightly Review, J. Holt Schooling makes a most suggestive comparative study of the drink bills of the United States, the United Kingdom, Germany and France. Bad as the drink habit in the United States is, the comparison on the whole is strikingly in favor of our country. Mr. Schooling's conclusion of the whole matter is that, from the mere plane of our national industrial leadership, "the developed alertness and prompt energy of the American may, it is quite likely, be due in some part, to their relative abstinence from alcoholic drink."

Indeed, as Andrew Carnegie says, a drinking man should have no place anywhere; least of all, in a home.—Union Signal.

NOTES AND COMMENT.

To offset the temptations of the saloons the city council of Gothenburg, Sweden, is adopting systematic efforts to provide the working classes with ennobling and refining amusements. It will begin with more and better music, where all can hear it, evening visits to museums, municipal playgrounds for children and the opening of many new branches of the public library.

Dr. L. Bremer, of the St. Vincent institute for the insane, St. Louis, Mo., in referring to how one temperate habit leads to another, says: "There is an alarming increase of juvenile smokers, and, basing my assertion on the experience gained in private practice and at the St. Vincent's institute, I will broadly state that the boy who smokes at seven will drink whisky at 14, take morphine at 25, and wind up with cocaine and the rest of the narcotics at 30 and later on."

Lesson from the Ants.

In an address at the Stepmey borough museum, Lord Avebury recently spoke on his experiments to test the intelligence of animals. In particular he referred to his favorite ants, and showed how these small insects set an example which humankind might well follow. Wishing to see how ants would treat the drunken members of the community, he tried to induce 25 ants from one nest and 25 from another to take sufficient alcohol to make themselves intoxicated. They refused, and so were bathed in alcohol till they were drunk. Then the 50 intoxicated ants were placed in one of the nests. The other inhabitants, after examining them, carefully picked out the drunken strangers and dropped them into a neighboring water butt. The 25 drunken friends they carried to a remote part of the nest, there to sleep themselves sober.

It Would Seem So.

A tomahawk epitaph seems to be a case of posthumous fame. Terms, \$5 a year; four months, \$1. Sold by mail order. After he's out of the game. —Chicago Daily News.

WOMAN FIGHTS LION.

Hair-Raising Performance of Miss Heliot Summarily Stopped by Berlin Police.

The police of Berlin have just put a stop to some hair-raising performances in the Frohse menagerie, whose tents are pitched in the northern section of the city near the Preuzlan gate.

The star attraction of this circus was Miss Heliot, the lion tamer. Every afternoon and night she engaged in what was announced on the programme as a sham battle with a huge lion. Of course the lion is supposed to be generous enough to show himself defeated by the fair



RESCUED JUST IN TIME.

gladiator. As a rule at each performance there is a vigorous struggle, the young woman even feigning to be on the point of being torn to pieces by the apparently infuriated beast. But in the end she is always victorious and the king of beasts falls on his back and yields the fight.

One night, however, the battle looked more earnest than usual. The thrilling situations were more frequent and the animal's roar and rage sounded uncommonly ominous. It was seen by the patrons that Miss Heliot did not display her usual self-composure. There was little of the sham battle in this engagement. In fact, one blow of the lion's paw struck Miss Heliot's face and to the horror of the spectators blood flowed profusely. Then there was almost a panic when the attendants came rushing to the cage with hot irons and Miss Heliot was dragged from the arena in an unconscious state. Nevertheless, on the following day the performance was repeated, this time successfully, but since then it has been forbidden by order of the authorities.

Not Unusual.

"When I'm mad," asserted the disagreeably aggressive man, "I'm a terror."

"It is not surprising," was the quiet reply. "That is a common canine characteristic." — Brooklyn Eagle.

A Criticism.

Jay Green—Young Blowby, that's home from college, boasts that he's half-back of his football team, doesn't he?

Abner Appleby—Yes; but I think he secretly believes that he's the whole thing.—Judge.

Struck a New Note.

Tommy—Uncle Henry's got the rheumatism in a new spot this morning.

Dicky—How do you know?
"His swearing is different from what it generally is." —Chicago Tribune.

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